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FM AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDEV, PORG, WA

SUBJECT: MCBRIDE PREDICTS NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE WITHIN ONE TO THREE  
YEARS

1. UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA SEAN MCBRIDE ARRIVED  
IN LUSAKA OCT 23 TO ATTEND ZAMBIAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS.  
ON ARRIVAL NCBRIDE TOLD PRESS THAT NAMIBIA MAY BECOME FREE BETWEEN  
ONE AND THREE YEARS FROM NOW BECAUSE OF INCREASED FREEDOM FIGHTER  
ACTIVITIES AND OF WORLD PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA.  
HE NOTED THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS ALREADY REVIEWING ITS POLICIES IN  
LIGHT OF IMPENDING INDEPENDENCE OF PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES  
AND BECAUSE WORLD IS NOW AWARE OF SITUATION IN NAMIBIA.  
ALTHOUGH UN IS BUILDING SUFFICIENT PRESSURE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA,  
"STUMBLING BLOCKS WERE THE WESTERN POWERS WHO ARE TOO SLOW TO CHANGE  
THEIR MINDS," MCBRIDE SAID. INSTEAD, THESE POWERS HAVE ENTERED INTO  
"ECONOMIC AND MILITARY OPERATIONS" WITH SAG. DECISION WHETHER TO  
EXPEL SOUTH AFRICA FROM UN WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON THESE POWERS.

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2. RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA CONFIRMS

THAT PUBLISHED PRESS ACCOUNT OF MCBRIDE'S STATEMENT IS ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE. MCBRIDE RETURNED TO NEW YORK OCT 24 TO BE PRESENT FOR UN DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICAN EXPULSION. HE WILL RETURN TO LUSAKA EARLY

NOVEMBER.  
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